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THE FOLLOWING IS QUOTE VERBATIM FROM LETTER ADDRESSED
 TO GENERAL BACALIS FROM GEORGE MILLER AND DR. CHAMBERLAIN:

"1. THE INCREASINGLY SEVERE THREAT TO THE U-2 SERIES
 AIRCRAFT OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS HAS REQUIRED INCREASINGLY
 COMPLEX COUNTERMEASURES, INSTRUMENTATION, AND READOUT
 DEVICES FOR AIRCRAFT DEFENSE. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE
 HIGHEST ORDER OF MAINTENANCE OF THESE NEW GENERATION
 EQUIPMENTS, A DETAILED FIELD ANALYSIS OF THE MISSION TAPE
 DUPE IS DESIRABLE. THIS ANALYSIS WOULD CONSIST OF
 COORDINATING, IN TIME, ^{THE} EVENTS EACH AIRCRAFT DEFENSIVE
 SYSTEM RECOGNIZES AND COMPARING THE SEQUENCE OF THESE
 EVENTS TO ENSURE EACH SYSTEM IS WORKING AS DESIGNED.

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DOING THIS AT THE FIELD LOCATION PROVIDES AN IMMEDIATE CROSS REFERENCE BETWEEN THE AIRCRAFT DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT USED ON THE MISSION AND THE TAPED RECORD OF EQUIPMENT OPERATION. THIS DETAILED LOOK WAS NOT DONE IN THE PAST BECAUSE OF A LIMITED NUMBER OF RECORDER CHANNELS AVAILABLE. THIS ANALYSIS WOULD NOT SUPPLANT OR DELAY THE EOB ANALYSIS AND PRODUCTION FUNCTION OF [REDACTED] OR THE ALL SOURCE EVALUATION PERFORMED HERE AT HEADQUARTERS.

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2. DUE TO THE RECENT CUTBACK ON THE [REDACTED] PROGRAM, EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE WHICH IS APPLICABLE TO THIS PURPOSE. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 80% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT REQUIRED IS AVAILABLE FROM [REDACTED] THIS EQUIPMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN REQUESTED BY [REDACTED] OSA PROJECT ENGINEER, AND IF DELIVERED AS REQUESTED, WILL PROVIDE

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CONSIDERABLE FLEXIBILITY IN CONFIGURING THE ANALYSIS POSITION. THE ADDITIONAL SPECIAL EQUIPMENT WILL BE SUPPLIED AS THE SYSTEMS ARE PRODUCED AND DEPLOYED. ONE ANALYST WOULD BE REQUIRED PLUS AN ADDITIONAL MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN, INDIGENOUS OR OTHERWISE, TO MAINTAIN THE ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AND ASSIST IN THE ANALYSIS DURING PEAK LOAD PERIODS. THE ANALYSIS AREA SHOULD BE 12' x 14' AND SHOULD BE PARTITIONED OFF FROM THE GENERAL SHOP AREA. AN AVAILABLE ANALYST IS PRESENTLY IN THE FIELD AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING PHASED OUT OF THE [REDACTED] PROJECT AREA.

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"3. WE RECOMMEND THAT THIS ANALYSIS PROCEDURE BE IMPLEMENTED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM DESIGN EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DEFENSIVE EQUIPMENT."

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IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE AND ASSUMING [REDACTED] IS

AVAILABLE FOR DUTY AT [REDACTED] WE WOULD LIKE [REDACTED] VIEWS ON

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PROPOSAL. OUR INITIAL REACTION IS THAT CONCEPT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE
IF COMPATABLE WITH [REDACTED] PLANS.

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